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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
TOSHIO KITAZAWA : EXAMINER: MILIA, M.  
SERIAL NO: 09/974,838 :  
FILED: OCTOBER 12, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2625  
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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Further to the Amendment filed October 31, 2007, favorable reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the present response, is respectfully requested.

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REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

In the present application an interview was conducted with Applicant's representative and Examiners Haskins and Milia on November 20, 2007. Applicant's representative gratefully acknowledges and appreciates the courtesies extended by the Examiners during that interview.

During the interview the outstanding rejections were discussed in detail, and the amendments as submitted in the Amendment filed October 31, 2007 and the comments presented therein to the allowability of the claims over the applied art were discussed in detail. Applicant's representative reiterated Applicant's position that the claims as currently written distinguished over the applied art. The Examiners indicate they would further consider such claim amendments and previously presented arguments and conduct an update search. The Examiners also indicated that in view of the previously submitted amendments the previously applied combination of references does not seem to read on the claims as amended.

In view of the Amendment filed October 31, 2007, Applicant submits the claims as written distinguish over the previously applied art, and that thereby the application is in condition for allowance. Thereby, it is respectfully requested that this case now be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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